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ANDREEV[1] is laying it on rather thick to the Centre about his clash with the police on 17 December and is unnecessarily exaggerating the affair. [2] The facts [are as follows] [a]

1. We had no witnesses to the incident, but A. told SPASKOV[11] on 17 December that he saw the policeman on horseback, but he expected that the policeman would ride round him (and then the man didn't ride round him), but this rather differs from the official version on the basis of which the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs[MARGONINDEL] gave its instruction.
2. He insists that I [24 set] the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN[25] [141] to have a question raised in Parliament on this subject.
3. Since this event he has been behaving too stand-offishly, and [26 sometimes] rudely towards [26 the top] officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. [2 groups unrecoverable] for communicating to the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs the facts about my conversation with the Military Attache of the British Embassy, whom [b] I

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is hardly necessary and will not serve to the advantage of our relations with Uruguay.

Since A. himself is involved in the incident, for fear of a biased interpretation of the events I consider it necessary

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.
[b] Or "which".

Comments:

- [i] ANDREEV: Probably Nikolai Arkad'evich ANDREEV, Soviet Charge d'Affaires in MONTVIDEO.
- [ii] SPASKOV: Boris Nikolaevich SPASKOV.
- [iii] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN: Members of the Communist Party.

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